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### **Don't Let Fire Destroy Your Summer Plans**

With the longer days of summer here, Alaskans are getting out to enjoy all the outdoor activities that our great state has to offer. The Alaska Division of Fire and Life Safety reminds Alaskans that fire safety should be included in their summer plans.

The following safety tips can help Alaskans have a safe and enjoyable summer:

- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start camp fires
- Keep camp fires small and manageable.
- Build camp fires at least 15 ft. from tents and other combustible materials.
- Don't leave fires unattended.
- Extinguish all fires completely before leaving the area.
- When using propane barbeques, check for leaks before lighting.
- Dispose of used charcoal in a metal container and soak with water before dumping.
- Do not use barbeques indoors.
- Do not use fireworks in restricted areas, woodlands, or areas of tall grass.
- Children should not use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Report all unattended fires and unsafe fire activities to local authorities immediately.

For more summer safety tips go to the US Fire Administration's Summer Safety web sight at: [www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/holiday-seasonal/summer.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/summer.shtm) .

Alaska State Fire Marshal David Tyler adds, "Fire safe behavior can keep a fire from starting. Working smoke alarms, planning and practicing your fire escape plan and adding residential fire suppression sprinklers can ensure your family's safety in case of a fire."

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